

DPF Executive Committee Phone Meeting

January 29, 2007, 1:30 pm EST

Attending: Dan Amidei, Andy Cohen, Daniella Bortolletto, Bob Cahn, Sarah, Eno, Cecilia Gerber, Al Goshaw, John Jaros, Boris Kayser, Andreas Kronfeld, Joe Lykken, Hitoshi Murayama, Jack Ritchie, Natalie Roe, Mike Tuts,

Summary of action items:

- **DPF website:** all DPF Execs should take a look at the web site and send suggestions (with urls) to Al for new links.
- **DPF Newsletter:** target for March. Send ideas for news items to Al. Examples: APS meeting highlights; student travel grants; Envoy program. Need volunteers to write short articles (all).
- **Panofsky Prize:** Write to Jonathan Dorfan and Art Bienenstock. If no funding is available, we will have to cancel it for this year. (Natalie)
- **Sakurai Prize:** Contact Mrs. Sakurai to ask about other uses for the excess endowment funds, i.e. a dissertation award for a theory student. Contact Darlene Logan and Alan Chodos first. (Natalie)
- **Next DPF EC Meeting:** Find a slot for the Exec meeting at the April APS meeting; invite Gene Sprouse/APS to update us on Open Access policy. (Natalie & Bob)
- **Publicize April APS Meeting:** Send Message to DPF membership before Feb. 23 cutoff for lowest registration fee, and solicit requests for student travel support (Al & Cecelia)
- **Poster session:** Ask if DPF can pay for refreshments during poster session at April APS meeting. (Bob)
- **Next DPF Meeting:** Determine the right time for the next DPF meeting and solicit volunteers to host it at their institution. (Natalie to do some fact-finding, chair line to discuss options and make a proposal for discussion with EC).
- **Envoy Program:** Send your suggestions for Envoys from the targeted states and districts to Andreas (all)
- **Travel Support:** Can DPF help the participation of students and postdocs in Users Group trips to Washington by providing travel support? (Andreas)

END Action Items

Agenda and minutes

1. Welcome

Natalie welcomed the new EC members and thanked outgoing members for their service to DPF: Mike Tuts for 3-years as Secretary-Treasurer; Daniella Bortolletto and Hitoshi Murayama for their organization of outreach activities. Daniella suggested that it would be useful to get more feedback from DPF members on the effectiveness of outreach activities and town meetings. This led to a discussion of the need to update the DPF web site, and make it more useful to members. Everyone was encouraged to review the web site and send suggestions to Al.

2. Report on DPF finances

Mike reported on the status of finances from a Nov. 30, 2006 statement. The DPF has \$186K as of this date with an expected growth of ~ \$42K/year (membership dues, interest, etc.).

3. Status of DPF prize endowments

Mike reviewed the status of current endowments.

* Sakurai Prize: the award is \$10K and the endowment is currently at ~\$380K.

This opens the possibility for offering additional awards. Natalie will follow up with a conversation with Mrs. Sakurai. A suggestion was made for a theory thesis dissertation award.

*Tanaka dissertation award: current endowment \$36K

* Wilson Prize: the award is \$7.5K and the endowment is \$179K.

* Panofsky Prize: the award is \$5K and the endowment is \$114K. This needs to be brought up to ~\$300K in order to fund an annual \$10K award. John and Natalie will follow up on an offer from Stanford and SLAC for \$50k each, with possibly an additional \$50K from DPF. The possibility was raised of skipping the 2008 award, but the announcement for this is already posted.

4. Update on April APS meeting

Bob discussed organizational plans, and distributed the planned talks to the EC. He appealed to the EC members to volunteer to chair sessions. In structuring the presentations Bob has made an effort to enhance the use of poster sessions for the presentations of important results. Al will distribute to the DPF membership a reminder about the meeting and the early registration date. Natalie will look into a way to schedule a DPF EC meeting during this APS meeting.

5. Plans for next DPF meeting

This April the DPF meeting is combined with the general APS meeting. In the past every other year a dedicated DPF meeting has been held: 2000 Ohio State; 2002 ...; 2004 UC Riverside; 2006 Hawaii. The next one would then be in 2008. To avoid conflict ICHEP (July 30 – August 5, 2008), the suggestion was made to consider late fall 2008 for the DPF meeting. We would therefore need to send out a solicitation for proposals soon (contact Nick Hadley about past solicitations). Natalie will follow up by contacting past organizers. Al will distribute the solicitation when a decision has been made.

6. DPF outreach activities

Hitoshi will be handing off leadership of this to Andreas. Plans were discussed for DPF to organize a session at the AAPT meeting at U. of North Carolina at Greensboro. It was agreed that such interaction with physics teachers was an important outreach activity. Andreas will be the liaison to the EC to keep members informed on general planned outreach activities.

7. APS Envoy program

Joe described the Particle Physics Envoy Program, and distributed its charter to EC members. The goal is to recruit people in the House and Senate to be “envoys” for our field. Organizers are Andreas, Joe, and Jonathan Bagger. The issue was raised about the importance of coordinating with other APS units, and other user group activities contacting congress.

8. DPF student travel grant program

Mike reminded us that this has been supported by \$7K from an NSF grant plus \$3.5K provided by DPF. Al will follow up on NSF proposal. Dan described his experience last year in organizing selection of grant recipients. Cecelia agreed to be the grant administrator this year. Dan will send Al a description of the program to distribute to DPF membership.

9. Prize committees and DPF nominating committee

There was a brief discussion of some of the prize committee nominations. For the Panofsky committee, there was general agreement that Debbie Harris and Harry Nelson would fill out the experience needed in the committee.

Natalie will follow up on appointments to the DPF nominating committee. Boaz Klima will move from vice chair to chair of committee. One person suggested by DPF must be approved by APS.

10. Status of LHC outreach proposal

Joe briefly described a proposal being developed by Mike Barnett to publicize the LHC research program. This would be submitted to NSF/DOE, and has apparently received support from Tom Ferbal. The proposal would include the development of videos that could be used for TV presentations. It was agreed that care should be exercised to coordinate with Quarknet and other such initiatives being carried out at Fermilab (Judy Jackson) and elsewhere.

11. Open access publishing

(I missed this discussion ... Al)

12. Newsletter

It was agreed that a Newsletter in March would be useful. EC members should send contributions for articles and other suggestions to Al.

END Minutes